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Via Email

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

On May 21, this office received your requests for information related to emails containing keywords “antifa” and “American Renaissance”. Upon review, this office must respectfully deny your requests. Tennessee’s Public Records Act provides that “[a]ll state, county and municipal records shall, at all times during business hours...be open for personal inspection by *any citizen of this state*, and those in charge of the records shall not refuse such right of inspection to any citizen, unless otherwise provided by state law.” Tenn. Code Ann. §10-7-503(a)(2)(A). Based on the information provided, there was no proof of Tennessee citizenship presented with your requests.

Further, should such records exist, T.C.A. §10-7-504(2)(A) provides in part, “All investigative records of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation...shall be treated as confidential and shall not be open to inspection by members of the public. The information contained in such records shall be disclosed to the public only in compliance with a subpoena or an order of a court of record.”

Accordingly, your requests are respectfully denied.

Sincerely,

TBI Professional Standards Unit

